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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 27, 2004

**1. Call to order.**

The two hundred ninety fifth joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Jerome C. Daniel at 7:39 p.m. on September 27, 2004 at the Renaissance Agoura Hills Hotel, 30100 Agoura Road, Agoura Hills, California.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth Cheadle, Vice Chairperson, Jerome C. Daniel, Chairperson, Linda Parks, Ron Schafer and Woody Smeck. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., Hal Ross, Jonathan Zasloff, and David Widell.

**3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: David Brown, Ed Corridori, Heinz Ellersieck, Richard Gould, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Vice Chairperson, Barry Read, Don Robinson, Chairperson, Paul Rockenstein, Dennis Seider, Lorraine Slattery, Marc Stirdivant, Garen Yegparian. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, Bruce Saito, Thomas Seifert, Nancy Stephens, and Timothy Wendler. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti and Lesley Devine.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Reva Feldman; Assistant Financial Officer, Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Tracy Dockery, Staff Services Manager, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

**4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.**

The Chair announced that Laura Plotkin, Louise Rishoff, and Nicole Kern were present. The following legislative participants were absent: George Magallanes, Ernestine Moore, and Chi Mui.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of August 30, 2004 were submitted for approval.

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh.

The minutes of August 30, 2004 were approved as amended.

**6. Reports.**

The Conservancy and the Advisory Committee received verbal reports from Michael Berger, Chairperson of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

The Chair announced that the remainder of reports given would be heard subsequent to item 18.

**7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Comments were made by Mr. Portantino.

**8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Mr. Les Hardie, member of the public, on items 14 and 15.

Mr. James D. Wrigley, representing Save Open Space, on items 14 and 15.

Ms. Bonnie Biddison, representing Save Open Space, on items not on the agenda.

Ms. Diane Bentz, representing Save Open Space, on items not on the agenda.

Ms. Janet Murphy, representing Environmental Coalition Ventura, on items not on the agenda.

Mr. Thomas Duck, member of the public, on items not on the agenda.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Mikos.  
Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Parks, Mr. Smeck, and the Chair.

**9. Consent Calender:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on the Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Draft Guidelines.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the County of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Northlake Specific Plan - Phase One Implementation, unincorporated Castaic Lake.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a temporary entry permit to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District for relocation of the Mildas Road water line, Cold Creek watershed area of unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution rescinding Resolution 04-32 authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

The Chair announced that item 9(a) would be removed from the agenda.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 04-71, 04-72, and 04-73.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 04-71, 04-72, and 04-73 were unanimously adopted.

**10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Canyon Hills project, Los Angeles, La Tuna Canyon area.**

Comments were made by Messrs. Stirdivant and Yegparian.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-74.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-74 was unanimously adopted.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for minor capital outlay FY 04-05 for park improvements and equipment.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-75.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-75 was unanimously adopted.

**12. Consideration of resolution adopting a Project Plan for the Long and Nellus Canyon Wildlife Corridor between the Santa Clara River and State Route 14, unincorporated Upper Santa Clara River watershed area.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gould.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle and Mr. Smeck.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-76.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-76 was unanimously adopted.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Long Canyon acquisition (APNs 3210-005-005, 3210-005-011-015, 3210-005-017, 3210-005-018, 3210-005-023, 3210-005-024, 3210-006-001, and 3210-005-022), unincorporated Soledad Canyon area.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-77.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-77 was unanimously adopted.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Soka University acquisition (APNs 4455-015-002, 4455-016-032, -033, 4455-028-043, 4455-033-003, 005, 006, 007, 009, 010, 011, 018, 021, 022, 023, 026, 4455-034-001, 4455-035-001, 4455-040-007, 010), unincorporated Calabasas area.**

This item was heard subsequent to the Closed Session.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Slattery.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Mr. Corridori was noted as abstaining from this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-78.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-78 was unanimously adopted.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Soka University acquisition (APNs 4455-015-002, 4455-016-032, -033, 4455-028-043, 4455-033-003, 005, 006, 007, 009, 010, 011, 018, 021, 022, 023, 026, 4455-034-001, 4455-035-001, 4455-040-007, 010), unincorporated Calabasas area.**

This item was heard subsequent to the Closed Session.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Slattery.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Mr. Corridori was noted as abstaining from this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Devine, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-79.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-79 was unanimously adopted.

**16. Consideration of resolution adopting procedures pursuant to Provision 4 of Items 3810-310-0005, 3810-301-0941, 3810-301-6029, and 3810-301-6031 of Section 2 of the Budget Act of 2004 (Chapter 208, Statutes of 2004).**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-80.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-80 was unanimously adopted.

**17. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 04-48 regarding nonprofit grant to Friends of the Conservancy for interpretation of land, air, and water resources at Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Temescal Gateway Park, Franklin Canyon Park, Mentryville, and Towsley Canyon.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Mr. Schafer was noted as abstaining from this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seider, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-81.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-81 was unanimously adopted.

**18. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for interpretation of land, air, and water resources at Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Temescal Gateway Park, Franklin Canyon Park, Mentryville, and Towsley Canyon.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-82.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-82 was unanimously adopted.

**6. Reports.**

Comments were made by the Chair, the Executive Officer, and Mr. Robinson.

The Conservancy received an oral report by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine and Mr. Smeck.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

**19. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*, and Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.**

The Chair called a closed session at 9:10 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code to discuss items 14 and 15.



The Chair reconvened the open session at 9:27 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators.

**20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on October 25, 2004. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP  
Executive Director

JEROME C. DANIEL  
Chairperson